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Sir:

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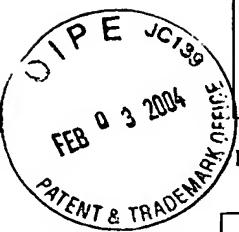
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO
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